



Louisiana Crop Progress and Condition

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According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Louisiana, there were 5.5 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, August 11, 2019. Topsoil moisture supplies were 0 percent very short, 21 percent short, 71 percent adequate, and 8 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were 0 percent very short, 14 percent short, 80 percent adequate, and 6 percent surplus. Low temperatures ranged from 73.4 degrees Fahrenheit at Leesville to 80.0 degrees Fahrenheit at Galliano. Highs ranged from 90.0 degrees Fahrenheit at Tallulah to 98.0 degrees Fahrenheit at Minden. Precipitation received ranged from light precipitation to very heavy throughout the State, with the highest concentration in the east central part of the State with an average of 3.01 inches.

Crop progress for week ending August 11, 2019

Crop	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Corn, dent	100	98	100	99
Corn, mature	74	60	93	87
Corn, harvested	13	7	25	27
Cotton, setting bolls	97	91	100	97
Cotton, open bolls	18	13	27	19
Hay, second cutting	88	84	88	80
Rice, headed	91	87	100	97
Rice, mature	59	41	84	73
Rice, harvested	38	21	53	44
Sorghum, coloring	97	91	96	96
Sorghum, mature	88	64	84	80
Sorghum, harvested	38	13	12	33
Soybeans, blooming	100	99	100	99
Soybeans, setting pods	96	91	100	95
Soybeans, turning color	28	22	34	37
Soybeans, dropping leaves	11	6	20	18
Soybeans, mature	4	2	11	8
Soybeans, harvested	1	(NA)	4	3
Sugarcane, planted	8	3	10	13

(NA) Not available.

Crop condition for week ending August 11, 2019

Item	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Corn	0	6	31	52	11
Cotton	0	3	25	63	9
Livestock	1	5	39	49	6
Pasture	1	4	39	50	6
Rice	1	3	33	53	10
Sorghum	0	19	44	37	0
Soybeans	2	7	25	57	9
Sugarcane	1	7	33	44	15
Sweet potatoes	0	7	32	60	1
Vegetables	0	13	37	50	0

Comments from Cooperative Extension Service Parish Agents

"Fewer showers towards end of week allowed sugarcane fields to dry and sugarcane planting moved into full gear. Seed cane was shorter than normal in some areas affecting planting ratios. Last week’s better weather also allowed early planted soybeans to be harvested with slightly below average yields as well as a few pastures were baled.”

– Blair Hebert, Iberia Parish

“Grain sorghum harvest continued and will likely conclude within the next week or so. Rice harvest was in full swing last week. Corn harvest began and will continue permitting cooperative weather. Light amount of early planted sweet potato acreage was de-vined in preparation for harvest. Soybean and cotton pesticide applications were in full force. Decreased fruit retention was seen across some cotton acreage. Minimal amount of sugarcane was planted.”

–Justin Dufour, Avoyelles Parish

“The corn harvest neared the end while rice harvesting was in full swing, and sugarcane planting was underway. Some early soybeans were near maturity showing signs of leaf drop. Hay balers were rolling as forage was plentiful and the weather was ideal for making progress in many areas over the last week or so.”

– Vincent Deshotel, Saint Landry Parish

“A wet week kept growers dodging showers and slowed field progress. Rice harvest was off to a slow start and initial yields were off. Cane growers started to apply ripened in preparation for harvest. Cane planting confined as growers struggled to find dry fields. Soybean growers were starting to apply defoliants and harvest beans. Hay fields were getting rank with weed pressure and some fields were being cut between showers. Rice was being seeded in crawfish ponds. Extremely hot weather delayed fall garden planting.”

– Stuart Gauthier, Saint Martin Parish

Louisiana Weather Summary for Week Ending August 11, 2019

Division/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation				
	Max	Min	Avg	Norm ¹	DFN ²	One Week	Rain Days	DFN ²	Four Weeks	Four Weeks DFN ²
Northwest										
Minden	98.0	78.0	88.0	82.6	5.4	0.04	1	-0.57	1.37	-1.29
Mooringsport	95.0	78.5	86.8	83.2	3.7	0.00	0	-0.61	0.58	-2.09
Red River	95.0	77.4	86.2	83.4	2.8	0.38	1	-0.15	0.69	-2.15
Shreveport	96.4	74.7	85.6	83.1	2.5	1.05	1	0.22	1.23	-2.51
Extreme/Average	96.1	77.2	86.6	83.1	3.6	0.37	1	-0.28	0.97	-2.01
North central										
Calhoun	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	81.6	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Farmerville	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	82.3	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Homer	91.6	73.7	82.6	81.1	1.5	1.05	1	0.38	3.75	0.90
Extreme/Average	91.6	73.7	82.6	81.7	1.5	1.05	1	0.38	3.75	0.90
Northeast										
Lake Providence	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	82.7	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
St Joseph	94.2	73.5	83.9	82.7	1.1	0.06	2	-0.46	7.31	4.17
Tallulah	90.0	73.5	81.8	82.2	-0.5	0.52	2	0.13	4.98	3.06
Winnsboro	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	82.8	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	1.56	0.95
Extreme/Average	92.1	73.5	82.8	82.6	0.3	0.29	2	-0.17	4.62	2.73
West central										
Ashland	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	81.9	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Hodges Gardens	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	83.1	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Leesville	96.7	73.4	85.1	81.7	3.3	0.04	1	-0.80	2.21	-1.05
Natchitoches	97.3	77.0	87.1	83.6	3.6	(NA)	0	-0.65	1.42	-2.16
Extreme/Average	97.0	75.2	86.1	82.6	3.5	0.04	1	-0.73	1.81	-1.60
Central										
Alexandria	93.7	75.7	84.7	83.6	1.1	0.00	0	-1.01	6.01	2.24
Bunkie	92.9	75.0	83.9	82.7	1.2	0.01	1	-0.79	15.55	12.58
Eunice	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	84.1	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Jonesville Locks	91.0	75.1	83.1	82.9	0.2	0.00	0	-0.76	7.86	4.78
New Roads	94.5	77.0	85.8	83.0	2.8	0.00	0	-0.56	2.55	-0.65
Extreme/Average	93.0	75.7	84.4	83.3	1.3	0.00	1	-0.78	7.99	4.74
East central										
Baton Rouge	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Hammond	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	81.9	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Norwood	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	0.00	0	(NA)	7.39	(NA)
Slidell	90.3	75.7	83.0	82.1	0.9	6.02	3	4.44	15.68	9.35
Extreme/Average	90.3	75.7	83.0	82.0	0.9	3.01	3	4.44	11.54	9.35
Southwest										
Crowley	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	82.5	(NA)	0.52	3	-0.26	6.10	1.94
DeRidder	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	82.6	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Jennings	91.0	75.0	83.0	82.6	0.5	0.02	1	-0.31	5.94	2.52
Oberlin Fire	92.7	75.9	84.3	82.3	2.0	0.08	1	-0.96	21.89	17.62
Extreme/Average	91.8	75.5	83.7	82.5	1.2	0.21	3	-0.51	11.31	7.36
South central										
Donaldsonville	91.6	75.7	83.6	82.0	1.6	1.06	2	-0.17	7.05	1.82
Jeanerette	90.8	75.6	83.2	82.4	0.8	0.41	5	-0.62	10.70	5.66
Lafayette	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	82.1	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Morgan City	92.3	78.6	85.4	82.3	3.1	0.86	6	-0.78	8.37	2.78
Extreme/Average	91.6	76.6	84.1	82.2	1.9	0.78	6	-0.52	8.71	3.42
Southeast										
Galliano	92.0	80.0	86.0	82.7	3.3	0.61	4	-0.72	7.19	1.43
Gonzales	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	1.20	2	-0.28	8.36	3.50
Grand Isle	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
New Orleans	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	84.4	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	12.08	7.68
Extreme/Average	92.0	80.0	86.0	83.5	3.3	0.91	4	-0.50	9.21	4.20
State	92.6	75.9	84.3	82.6	1.9	0.71	2	0.12	7.18	3.75

(NA) Not available.
¹ Averaged collected data from 1981-2010.
² Departure from normal.